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Docket No. 9522

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Application of: George Robert Hood

Customer No. 26890

Serial No. 09/845,461

Filed: April 30, 2001

For: TAX ADJUSTMENT FOR FINANCIAL PROCESSING IN A RELATIONAL
DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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Our office recently received a notification that the above-referenced patent application has been abandoned due to Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee.

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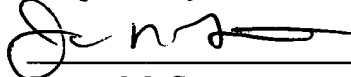
1. A copy of the Notice of Abandonment dated July 10, 2008;
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The Applicant respectfully requests that the holding of abandonment of the present application be removed and that the present application be allowed to issue.

I hope that the information I have attached allows you to issue this patent application. Please contact me in writing at the above address or by telephone at (937) 242-4727 if additional information is required.

Respectfully submitted,




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 - (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance;
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 - (d) ☐ No reply has been received.
2. ☒ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
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The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$_____.
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3. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
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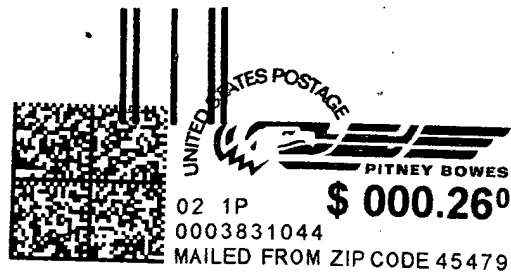
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